

2010-2015 Strategic Plan Development

Current Work

The State Board and Department of Education are currently in the process of developing a statewide strategic plan for education. At its June 22-23 planning meeting, the State Board, in collaboration with staff from the Department of Education, met to begin preliminary work on the next iteration of the Board's and Department's strategic plan. 16 V.S.A. §180 requires the State Board of Education to “adopt through a public process a statewide strategic education plan to describe how the agency will help school boards to improve student performance” and that it be reviewed and updated every five years. This being the fifth year, work is underway to develop a strategic plan that: 1) reflects current practice and views, 2) assures that all students graduate from high school competitive in a global economy, and 3) integrates the tenets of Transformation (See <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/transformation.html>).

Mission

The State Board and Department of Education provide support and leadership in the transformation of the Vermont education system in order to give each learner the opportunity to succeed in the 21st century.

Vision

The education system:

- *provides each learner with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in college, continuing education, careers and citizenship;*
- *responds to the needs and interests of learners;*
- *provides flexible learning environments rich with 21st century tools that promote self development, academic achievement and active engagement in learning;*
- *is a learner-centered system that operates within a framework of high expectations for learning with support from educators, families and community.*

DRAFT Goals

Goal I: Establish high quality, research-based teaching and learning practices to continually improve achievement for all learners.

Goal II: Provide and promote high-quality, transformative educational leadership.

Goal III: Ensure a safe and flexible learning environment that supports a positive climate.

Goal IV: Local, regional and state partners will collectively understand and endorse the vision, goals and policy of the Transformation effort and actively contribute to its implementation.

Goal V: Establish a coherent state and local policy structure that promotes the educational practices and student outcomes demonstrated in research as essential for student success in the 21st century.

We want to hear from you.....

- Are these the right goals?
- Do they reflect the intent of the Mission and Vision?
- Do they support Vermont's education Transformation effort?
- Are they stated in user-friendly terms?
- Are they easily translated to your school's Action Plan?

We encourage all Vermonters to have a discussion in your community, with colleagues, with students, with school boards, with business and industry associates, and share your thoughts with us at: edplan@list.education.state.vt.us.

The [attached brochure](#), *Developing a Statewide Strategic Education Plan*, can be printed and shared during those discussions.